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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
HELD IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ON TUESDAY
26 May 1959
12:00 N.

Present: David E. Finley, Chairman
Mr. Douglas Orr
Mr. Wm. G. Perry
Mr. Michael Rapuano
Mr. Ralph Walker L. R. Wilson, Secretary

As previously arranged, the members of the Commission met at the office of Ralph Walker, 101 Park Avenue, at 12 o'clock noon on May 26, 1959. Inasmuch as the Chairman had decided to be present also, the members agreed they would postpone looking at any projects on the Order of Business until he had arrived at 12:30 at which time they proceeded to the Union League Club where lunch was had and the Order of Business discussed in a private dining room.

This meeting for consideration of urgent projects was held in New York to save travel and other expenses rather than have the members come to Washington at a time when funds were low. The members who were present are noted above.

I. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing considered.

II. SUBMISSIONS

1. Government of the District of Columbia

a. Department of Licenses and Inspection

1. Building applications submitted under the Shipstead-Luce Act
The actions recommended by the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the submissions listed on Appendix 1, were confirmed.

2. Building applications submitted under the Old Georgetown Act
The actions recommended by the Secretary, on the submissions listed on Appendix 2, were confirmed.

3. Kann's Department Store - resurfacing with Aluminum

The project to have the exterior facades of the old building that house Kanns Department Store was reviewed. The architect has supplied a color photograph showing the changes in color which the Commission had recommended at its regular meeting on 15 April 1959. The members believed that the architect had accomplished the proposals they had made and, with the exception of Mr. Walker, authorized the Secretary

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

1. Government of the District of Columbia

a. Department of Licenses and Inspections

3. Kann's Department Store - resurfacing with Aluminum(Cont)

to return the building application to the District of Columbia Permit Office as being approved. Mr. Walker felt that not having been present during the previous discussions of this building and having some very distinct reservations on the use and design that was presented, he would prefer not to be included in the action.

4. D.C. Transit System - Bus Shelters

The revised design submitted by the architect, Mr. Slagle, and reviewed by the Shipstead-Luce Panel at its meeting on 14 May 1959, was reviewed. Considerable discussion ensued as to whether such structures were actually necessary for the city of Washington and some doubt was evidenced of the necessity for the use of such structures. Mr. Finley reviewed the history of the submissions that have been made up to this time and also told of a conversation with Mr. Chalk, President of the D.C. Transit System, about this proposal. Although a number of sketches had been considered since the first one was reviewed, it was noted that they resemble each other closely and there was little difference among them.

Mr. Perry recalled that he had made some suggestions in sketch form which had been shown to Mr. Slagle for his use in preparing a design. Mr. Finley raised the question as to the position of the District of Columbia Commissioners on this project and he proposed that before any further action be taken on the design, he ascertain General Welling's views. Mr. Rapuano considered that these structures were not desirable. The consensus was that they were not desirable in the central area of the city, but there could possibly be locations in the suburbs where a structure of this kind would be suitable. Mr. Finley said that he would ask General Welling whether he could work out the number and location of such sites with Mr. Chalk and then submit designs for specific locations to the Commission for approval, rather than trying to achieve a standard design which would be suitable for use anywhere in the District of Columbia.

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

1. Government of the District of Columbia

a. Department of Licenses and Inspections

4. D. C. Transit System - Bus Shelters (Continued)

None of the members were willing to accept any of the designs nor to recommend their construction to the District of Columbia Commissioners. In fact, there was some feeling that the design of the structures submitted embodied promotional features for the D. C. Transit System instead of supplying shelter from the weather for the passengers. Mr. Finley said that he would have General Welling confer with the D. C. Transit System on this matter.

2. American Battle Monuments Commission

a. Memorial to General John J. Pershing

Photographs had been previously forwarded to the members so that they might see the latest design for the Pershing Memorial which had been submitted by the American Battle Monuments Commission which is preparing to return to Congress with the design as directed in the enabling legislation for the monument. It was recalled that the approval of the design by the Commission of Fine Arts is required. None of the members believed that the design as submitted was one with which they could agree. Mr. de Weldon, who was not present at the meeting, had reviewed the drawings previously and had asked that his views be told the members, namely that the monument did not seem to be suitably placed for its important location on the Avenue, and that the walls against which the statue stood obstructed the vistas and did not, in his opinion, provide a desirable location for the statue of General Pershing. The members all concurred in this view and agreed that the design did not appear to be well coordinated and seemed to be a number of definite parts without sufficient relation to each other. The view was expressed that the statue and the fountain should be more closely combined so that the land available would present a unified civic monument. It was believed that the fountain could be developed with cascades because of the natural slope of the ground and that the cascades would in themselves provide a unifying element in the composition.

Because of Mr. Harrison's position as a former member of the Commission, the members considered that it would be appropriate for the Chairman to visit Mr. Harrison and to acquaint him informally with the views of the

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

2. American Battle Monuments Commission (Continued)

a. Memorial to General John J. Pershing (Continued)

Commission in order to ascertain Mr. Harrison's own views about the design. This action was taken because there seemed to be some indication that Mr. Harrison was under some compulsion to do certain features in the monument which precluded him at arriving at a completely unified composition. The Chairman made this visit. The Chairman was requested to write a letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission informing them of the action taken. Copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceeding. EXHIBIT A

b. East Coast Memorial

Photographs of a model by Albino Manca for the central sculpture feature of the East Coast Memorial, Battery Park, New York, were reviewed. The members of the Commission approved the model of the eagle as presented with whatever revisions the sculptor member of the Commission would desire to make. The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission informing them of this action. Copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT B

3. Department of the Army-Heraldic Branch

a. National Security Agency, Civilian Service Medal (revised design)

The design for the above described medal was reviewed and the members believed that the design showing the eagle holding a key was the most desirable of the designs submitted. In doing so, they confirmed the opinion of Mr. deWeldon, the sculptor member. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Heraldic Branch which was in some hurry to have a decision. A further suggestion was made that the key which the eagle is holding seemed rather inadequate and too small in composition. Copy of the letter of the Secretary stating the action taken is to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT C

b. Army Medical Service School - The Fairbank Medal - Dental Corps

The Secretary relayed the views of Mr. deWeldon who had reviewed the design previously, as submitted in the pen and ink sketch, the medal had very little sculptural quality. The lettering was especially ineffective and

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

3. Department of the Army-Heraldic Branch (Continued)

b. Army Medical Service School - The Fairbank Medal - Dental Corps

the three-quarter effigy seemed to be very much unsteady. The Secretary was directed to advise the Heraldic Branch to redesign the medal and resubmit it. Copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceeding. EXHIBIT D

c. Federal Aviation Agency Seal

The color sketch was reviewed and the consensus of the members was that the design as submitted was too commercial in character and that their recommendation was that it be redesigned to eliminate some of these characteristics and to choose a more appropriate color scheme. The members believed that the elements used in the medal were appropriate but the points of the compass rose were too elaborate for reduction in size. The use of a symbolic eagle with representation of flags in the wing was discouraged as not being an appropriate use of the flag and actually not being a very good symbol of the flag as was intended in the design. The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Heraldic Branch and to request further study and resubmission.

4. Department of the Treasury

a. Nevada Silver Centennial Medal

Inasmuch as the dies for the medal had been forwarded to the director of the Mint, there seemed no possibility of recommending revisions, so the members of the Commission thought that the Director of the Mint should be advised that the Commission would prefer not to comment on this design. Copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceeding. EXHIBIT E

5. Fourth Infantry Division, U. S. Army

a. Proposed Memorial

The Secretary explained that he had been visited by representatives of the Fourth Infantry Division and an architect-sculptor to discuss the matter of a memorial. Two designs were submitted at this conference, one being a revision of the area of the stone memorials which had been reviewed previously. The architect-sculptor presented the second design which was in the form of an insignia of the Fourth Division. Neither of the two designs were satisfactory for the use the memorial was intended. The legislation which authorized the memorial to the Fourth Division fixed the location of the monument on the ellipse.

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

5. Fourth Infantry Division, U.S. Army (Continued)

- a. Proposed Memorial Because of the standing policy not to put any more monuments in that area, the Secretary had discussed with the representatives of the Fourth Division, the desirability of moving the monument to some other appropriate location in the District or in the governmental area of Virginia. A site along the Memorial Avenue leading to Arlington Cemetery or the Pentagon was suggested and, according to the representative of the Fourth Division, favorably received by his committee. He stated that they would take steps at the next meeting to have legislation introduced which would remove the restriction of the site and leave it to the discretion of the government agencies and the Division representatives. The Pentagon site was looked upon with special favor during the conference. The Secretary was requested to confer with the representatives of the Fourth Division, informing him of this action. Mr. deWeldon was present at this conference.

6. Taft Memorial - Suggested Landscaping Plan

The Secretary showed a drawing for a new landscape plan around the plot designed by James L. Fraser to mark the grave of President William Howard Taft. The daughter of the president, Mrs. Manning, had requested that new planting be designed and that the two granite benches that flanked the monument be removed in the course of the relandscaping. In reviewing the documents that accompanied the selection of the monument, it appeared that the benches were part of the sculptor's original conception and that it would not be desirable to remove them. The members of the Commission agreed that there would be no objection to the landscaping as presented but a strong recommendation should be made that the benches be retained. The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the Office of the Quartermaster General informing him of this action. Copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT F

7. First Division Monument, Insignia (revision)

The Secretary reported that the representatives of the First Division had brought a full size drawing of the rendering to be applied to the Seventeenth Street face of the World War II Monument. The lettering was approved as presented.

8. National Capital Planning Commission - Land Acquisition Buchanan School Playground addition, Sq. 1042, Lots 99 to 106 inclusive

The acquisition of the above land by the Planning Commission was approved.

II. SUBMISSIONS (Continued)

9. General Services Administration

a. Public Buildings Service

1. Gallaudet College - Kendall School

The drawings which the General Services Administration submitted for the construction of the Kendall School and its maintenance group were considered by the members of the Commission and with the aid of photographs and a model, the members noted that this was to be a little one story building with overhanging roofs. Mr. Perry requested that special care be taken not to have vent pipes of the various services project in an unsightly manner through the roof. The members considered that the design was well thought out but they had some question as to whether the tall windows with thin mullions at the gable ends of the windows should not be redesigned to produce a quieter appearance and one that would be in closer harmony to the windows in the long side of the wings under the eaves. The maintenance group was considered to be satisfactory but the housing for the living quarters was considered to be worthy of more attention so as to produce a more adequate treatment of the facade which lacked any architectural distinction. The Secretary was instructed to confer with the representatives of the General Services Administration and to ask that drawings of this feature be resubmitted when they have been restudied. A letter was written approving the drawings as resubmitted. EXHIBIT G

III. INFORMAL SUBMISSIONS

None

IV. LEGISLATION

None

V. DISCUSSIONS

a. Proposed Pentagon City Project

The Secretary gave an explanation for the project which Ambassadors, Inc., are seeking permits to build from the Arlington County Board. Mr. Finley then reviewed for the other members the views which were expressed by the builders and by citizens of Arlington County who met with the Shipstead-Luce Panel and the Chairman in a meeting in the Conference Room of the Commission of Fine Arts on 14 May 59. This meeting was arranged as the result of a letter from the Arlington County Board requesting the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on granting a variant to build structures south

V. DISCUSSIONS (Continued)

- a. Proposed Pentagon City Project (continued)
of the Pentagon to 120 feet instead of 75 foot limit required by the present zoning of that area. The members discussed the importance of the Commission's making a constructive suggestion to the Arlington County Board which, as a result of citizen pressure and the Board's own desires, sought to find a way to do what would be most suitable for the approaches to the National Capital in Arlington County. They were encouraged to see that the citizens of Arlington County were so conscious of the importance of this area to the appearances of the Capital. The Secretary then presented to the members of the Commission of Fine Arts a report which the Shipstead-Luce Panel had prepared after considering this problem in great detail. The substance of this report hinges on the creation of a standard that would be the same as that used for the administration of the Shipstead-Luce Act in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Finley read the report to the members and after some discussion it was decided to forward a copy of the report with its recommendations to the Arlington County Board which will meet to decide this proposal on the 6th of June, 1959. Copy of the Chairman's letter to the Arlington County Board and of the Shipstead-Luce Panel Report to be made a part of the official record of the proceeding.

EXHIBIT H

- b. Review of letter from General A.C. Welling re Extension of Boundaries of Shipstead-Luce Act
The Chairman of the Commission, after reading the letter from General Welling, said that he will consult further with the General about this matter and also representatives of the National Capital Planning Commission.
- c. The Secretary presented clippings from THE STAR of the 26th of May describing the proposed Federal City Center. It is to be a large multi-story office building and bus terminal that will bridge two streets. The westernmost part of it will be in the Shipstead-Luce Area. Inasmuch as the Commission will eventually be called upon to give its views about the design of the building, the Secretary requested the members to give this matter further study and to forward any views they have to him.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


L. R. WILSON
Secretary

AGENDA FOR MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY

5/26/59 at 12:00 Noon, 101 Park Avenue
New York

- ✓(1) Bus Shelters, Revised design as suggested by SL Panel at its meeting on 5/14/59 (see enclosed)
- ✓(2) Proposed Pentagon City Project, CFA advice sought on variance to building height limit from 72' to 120' in South Arlington, Virginia. Considered at SL meeting on 5/14/59. (See enclosed)
- ✓(3) Kenn's Department Store, project Revised design - SL 2157. (see enclosed).
- ✓(4) Parking Memorial. (see enclosed).
- ✓(5) Approval of Slipsheet-Lane and Old Georgetown Appendices.
- ✓(6) National Security Agency, Civilian Service Medal (revised design).
 - ✓Department of the Army, Dental Service Medal (Fairbank)
 - ✓Federal Aviation Agency Seal
 - ✓Naval Silver Centennial Medal - Revised design
- (7) Fourth Division Monument
- ✓(8) Taft Memorial, Arlington Cemetery - new landscaping
- (9) First Division Monument, Insignia, revision.
- ✓(10) East Coast Memorial.
- ✓(11) NCPC-Land Acquisition, Buchanan School Playground addn., Sq. 1042, Lots 99 to 106 incl.
- ✓(12) Review ltr. from Gen. Welling, to CFA dtd 5/21/59, re extension of boundaries of SL Act.
- ✓(13) "Federal City Center" - Clippings from Wash. Post & Times Herald, & Wash. Star, of 5/24/59.
- ✓(14) Gallaudet College, Kendall School

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2163	1349 E St., NW Atlantic Coast Conference Club	1 blue canvas awning above entr. Disapp'd. Type of awning & projection not considered suitable for facade of bldg., which already has a projecting member at height of showwindow. Method of attachment not shown. Recom. small marquise, with slight projection, 4/22/59	
2164	1401 Pa. Ave., NW Willard Hotel	Remove exist. wood revolving door & metal canopy on 14th St. entr. & replace with aluminum doors & canopy.	App'd., 5/5/59
2165	1798 Sycamore St., NW Mr & Mrs Wm. Cohen	1-story brick & cinder-block residence	App'd., 5/5/59
2166	3117 Woodley Rd., NW Mr & Mrs Guy Martin	Change windows to doors, install areaway & extend open porch deck	App'd., 5/1/59
2167	701 Market Space, NW S. Kann & Sons Co.	Reface exist. bldg. with aluminum panels.	Approved as revised, for design, & color scheme as shown on rendering, 5/26/59
2168	520-21st St., NW John O. Littleton	Use 6x6 light glass over 6x6 lights in front window sash instead of exist. 1 over 1.	App'd. for installation of 9 over 9 lights in front window sashes, as indicated on drawings, 5/13/59
2169	4155 Linnean Ave., NW Mrs. M. M. P. May	Build masonry accessory bldg. Disapp'd. Projected work does not maintain high standard of design shown in other bldgs. at "Hillwood," & does not seem to be well related to site. Suggest arch. restudy location, spacing & relationship of window & door openings, & investigate desirability of use of both hip roof & gable end. Detail of windows & doors could also be in better harmony with other bldgs. (Note: This action has been discussed with representative of owner.) 5/14/59	
2170	3001 Chestnut St., NW Rob't. M. Greenwood	1-story, brick & stone dwelling	App'd., 5/14/59
2171	101-05-07 Ind. Ave., SE & 208-10 1st St., SE L. & D. Courambis (Store)	Exist. bldgs. to be made 1-story store. 2nd & 3rd stories of corner portion to be removed. carry through at line of new parapet; also suggest redesign of canopy tie rods, 5/14/59	Disapp'd. Recom. restudy, with new work not to extend beyond property & bldg. lines. Suggest top of parapets on exist. 1-story shops at 105-107 Ind. Ave. be straightened so that it will

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 15 APRIL 1959 (Continued)

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2172	7010 Oregon Ave., NW Mrs. Harriet T. Gibbs	1-story brick App'd. in general, but recom. following changes; (a) Addn. of small narrow windows on either side of front door; (b) widening of entr. steps at front door; (c) Restudy of window spacing on left side elevation; (d) Omission of horizontal mullion in all window sash. On rear elevation suggest (a) Restudy of window spacing, eliminating double window, & using same size window in all openings except possibly in one above bathtub, 5/25/59	
2173	1349 E St., NW Atlantic Coast Conference Club	Green canvas awning over entr., with fixed iron frames.	Disapp'd. Recommend small marquise, with slight projection, 5/25/59
2174	301-4th St., SW Lynard's Restaurant	1 d-f neon sign, white & gold, approx. 20 sq-ft.	Disapp'd. Recom. sign flat against bldg., with horizontal text, & back-lighted metal ltrs; centered proportionately in area above entr. & showwindow, 5/25/59

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<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2351	2810 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Install new fixed type window, & entr. door on 1st fl.	Recom'd. Suggest decorative trim above showwindow be omitted; also that steps be lengthened & simple wrought iron railing used, 5/5/59
2352	2812 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest steps be lengthened & simple wrought iron railing used, 5/5/59
2353	2814 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest steps be lengthened & simple wrought iron railing used, 5/5/59
2354	2816 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest steps be lengthened, 5/5/59
2355	2818 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest steps be lengthened, 5/5/59
2356	2820 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest steps be lengthened, 5/5/59
2357	2822 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest step be lengthened, 5/5/59
2358	2824 Pa. Ave. S. Levy (Store)	Same as OG 2351	Recom'd. Suggest decorative trim above showwindow be omitted, 5/5/59
2359	3317 Q St., NW Mr. P. H. Wilson	Erect 3-story addn. to dwelling	Ret'd. It appears that addn. will be too far back to be visible from a public highway. (Note: North elevation not shown on draw's.), 5/5/59
2360	1619-30th St., NW Langood Realty Co.	12 green canvas awnings on 1st & 2nd fls., front windows; folding type; suspended from bldg.	Recom'd., 5/13/59
2361	1340 Wisc. Ave. Georgetown Carry- Out Shoppe	Remove exist. structural glass & signs from face of bldg. Install vertical V- joint siding on face of brickwork. Install new door.	Recom'd., provided vertical sheathing is used in the area below a line extended from molding above adjacent door & showwindow of drugstore, & above a line extended from bottom of showwindow glass. Original brick wall to be exposed below wood sheathing. Prefer gray finish on sheathing. Strongly urge exposed ventilation duct be removed & run up inside bldg. Owner & cont. have been consulted & have agreed to above suggestions. Rough sketch enclosed, 5/5/59

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 15 APRIL 1959 (Continued)

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2362	3330 Reservoir Rd. H. S. Mowbray	Seal up 2 exist. windows; cut 2 new doorways in frame wall & build new den, entry & powder rm. in front courtyard of exist. house. <u>design will be submitted when owner decides to proceed with work, 5/20/59</u>	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, provided two windows in den be replaced with 1 window. This change has been discussed with arch. who agreed. It is understood that owner is undecided about proceeding with work at present time. New
2363	3125 M St., NW Geo. Y. Worthington	Renovate as per plans; remove old show windows & install new entr. & windows.	<u>Recom'd., 5/13/59</u>
2364	1501 Dumb. Rock Ct. Al & Naomi Wheeler	1 brick & cinder-block residence Recom'd. provided spacing of windows on 2nd fl. of east facade is revised to replace double windows with single windows, or with triple windows with large sash in center & narrower sash on each side. Request submission of revised design. 5/13/59	<u>Same as OG 2364</u>
2365	1503 Dumb. Rock Ct. Al & Naomi Wheeler	Same as OG 2364	<u>Same as OG 2364</u>
2366	1505 Dumb. Rock Ct. Al & Naomi Wheeler	Same as OG 2364	<u>Same as OG 2364</u>
2367	1507 Dumb. Rock Ct. Al & Naomi Wheeler	Same as OG 2364	<u>Same as OG 2364</u>
2368	1421-35th St. Mrs. L. R. Hare	Remove mullion & replace with fixed sash in front; install new sash on rear to replace exist. opening	<u>Recom'd., 5/13/59</u>
2369	1423-35th St. Mrs. L. R. Hare	Same as OG 2368	<u>Same as OG 2368</u>
2370	1425-35th St. Mrs. L. R. Hare	Same as OG 2368	<u>Same as OG 2368</u>
2371	1427-35th St. Mrs. L. R. Hare	Same as OG 2368	<u>Same as OG 2368</u>
2372	1239-33rd St., NW Jos. L. Scott & Charl. K. Scott	Remove exist. window & frame, & door & frame; enlarge window brick opening & install new window & frame, & new door & frame in rear.	Recom'd. Not believed to be visible from public highway. Design appears to be satisfactory. 5/13/59

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 15 APRIL 1959 (Continued)

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2373	1420-35th St., NW Gertrude H. Knox	Raze exist. tine garage in entirety; not condemned by D. C.	<u>Recom'd., 5/15/59</u>
2374	1420-35th St. Gertrude H. Knox	Build new garage on rear of lot, brick & cinder-block to replace exist. garage	<u>Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 5/15/59</u>
2375	3141 "00" St., NW Antler Devel. Corp.	New 3-story brick dwelling	<u>Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 5/15/59</u>
2376	3143 "00" St. Antler Devel. Corp.	Same as OG 2375	<u>Same as OG 2375</u>
2377	3145 "00" St. Antler Devel. Corp.	Same as OG 2375	<u>Same as OG 2375</u>
2378	3147 "00" St. Antler Devel. Corp.	Same as OG 2375	<u>Same as OG 2375</u>
2379	3007 P St. John F. Bernard	Build 2-car garage, brick & cinder-block, tin roof, 10' high, 19'-2" wide, 21' long	<u>Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 5/22/59</u>
2380	3260 N St. Mrs. Hugh Scott	Install 2 lighting fixtures, 1 on each side of front door	<u>Recom'd., 5/22/59</u>

17 June 1959

Dear General North:

I am writing to outline certain changes which the members of the Commission of Fine Arts suggested when they looked at the latest drawings of the Pershing Memorial on May 26th, and to confirm the verbal description of the changes which I gave to Colonel Walker and Mr. Harbeson in my office on June 1, 1959. You will recall that you requested the Commission's advice on the design of this project when you forwarded the drawings with your letter of May 8th.

In finding the design as submitted unsatisfactory for the position it will occupy, the members of the Commission asked me to state that they regretted not having an opportunity to discuss the design with the architect, Mr. Wallace Harrison, in whose ability they have the utmost confidence. The drawings seemed to indicate that he was working under certain restrictions that did not permit a free use of his talent. It is hoped that the architect will be asked to submit a new design in which he will be able to give full scope to his ideas, without handicaps as to the form of any of the design elements. We are confident that Mr. Harrison can design a memorial incorporating a fountain, with a statue of General Pershing and with appropriate supporting historical material.

We recommend, therefore, that you ask Mr. Harrison to submit another design bearing in mind the important position the memorial will have in the vistas of Pennsylvania Avenue. It is suggested that the statue be placed nearer the 15th Street end of the site, and that walls required for the historical material be lower. It is believed that a more effective display of water can be achieved, possibly with cascades following the natural slope of the site.

The Commission will be glad to meet with you further on the development of the design when the new drawings are ready. The drawings which you submitted are being returned herewith. Thank you for supplying the photographic copies for our records.

Sincerely yours,

Maj Gen Thomas North
Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Room 2080, Main Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

David E. Finley
Chairman

EXHIBIT A

17 July 1959

Dear General North:

I am writing to confirm that at its meeting of July 8th, the Commission of Fine Arts approved the design of the model for the bronze eagle which is to be the central feature of the East Coast Memorial in Battery Park, New York City. The Commission of Fine Arts would have preferred not to have this decoration as the central feature of the memorial, but if it is to be carried through, the Commission of Fine Arts believes that the design of the eagle which you submitted in photograph on May 22nd will be suitable.

As was indicated at our meeting of March 14, 1957, when the matter was first brought to the Commission for advice, the size and placement of the eagle, and its relation to the other elements of the composition are considered to be matters of great importance. The artistic success of the monument will largely depend on the perfection of these relationships.

We were glad to learn recently from Mr. Harbeson that the advice of the Fine Arts Commission of the City of New York and the New York Department of Parks had been sought in these matters.

We are having a meeting of the Commission on August 19th, and will be glad to discuss this matter further then if you desire.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Major General Thomas North
Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Room 2080 Main Navy Building
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT B

22 June 1959

Lt Col. James S. Cook, Jr.
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Quartermaster General's Office
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Cook:

I have had the sculptor member of the Commission of Fine Arts look at the revised design for the National Security Agency's Exceptional Civilian Service Medal. He considered that the design now met reasonably well the suggestions made by the Commission when it reviewed the previous design on 26 May 1959. You will recall that I imparted these suggestions for changes to you verbally.

The Commission accordingly has no further objections to the design.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

EXHIBIT C

17 July 1959

Lt. Col. James S. Cook, Jr.
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Quartermaster General's Office
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Cook:

I am writing to confirm that the Commission of Fine Arts could not approve the design for the Fairbank Medal as it was submitted. The members considered that the designs of both obverse and reverse had little of the sculptural character and composition that is expected in medals of this type, and they recommended restudy, and submit the following comments for use in making changes:

(a) Obverse:

1. Finely designed lettering of one size should be used around circumference.
2. There should be finer detail in the insignia, and possibly some simplification and reduction in size.

(b) Reverse:

1. Finely detail lettering should run around medal.
2. The words "OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT" do not tie into the composition.
3. The effigy should be larger, and show the head only, in profile.

We are sure that you can effect changes that will greatly improve the design, and will be glad to work with you in developing a suitable medal.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

EXHIBIT D

11 June 1959

Dear Mr. Brett:

I have shown to the members of the Commission the photographs of the lead strikes of the Nevada Silver Centennial Medal, which you forwarded for comment in your letter of 19 May 1959. The members noted that you had been furnished the dies by the Centennial Commission and that the production schedule permitted no time for possible changes.

The members asked me to say that, as the medal is already in production, any comments or advice from the Commission, would be superfluous and would serve no useful purpose.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. W. H. Brett
Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT E

16 July 1959

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am writing to confirm that the members of the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed and approved the revised drawings for Kendall School, Gallaudet College, at a meeting held on 8 July 1959. The new drawings showed restudy of the ends of the pavilions, incorporating changes that were conveyed to Mr. Snyder after being reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on 26 May 1959.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Commissioner of Public Buildings
Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

cc to: Ass't. Comm'r. for Design
& Construction, PBS
Director, Arch'l. &
Structural Division, PBS

EXHIBIT G

29 May 1959

Dear Mr. Krupsaw:

In reply to Mrs. Ferrari's letter of May 11th, the Commission of Fine Arts will be glad to give any assistance it can to the Arlington County Board in reaching a decision as to the height of buildings to be erected on the proposed site for Pentagon City on the south side of Army-Navy Drive.

I arranged, as you know, a meeting with myself and the architects on the Shipstead-Luce Panel who assist the Commission of Fine Arts with such matters in the District of Columbia. Dr. Herbert Brown, of the Arlington County Board, was present and has doubtless told you of the discussion that took place with the promoters and builders as well as with certain interested citizens from Arlington County who were present at the meeting.

The three architects of the Shipstead-Luce Panel have given most careful consideration to this matter, as have also the members of the Commission of Fine Arts. The views of the Shipstead-Luce Architects are set forth in a report which I hope will be of some use to you in solving your problems. In addition, the members of the Commission believe that the roadways are inadequate to accomodate the users of so large a project as is involved.

Other problems, similar to this, will undoubtedly arise in the future. It would seem wise, therefore, to anticipate them now by establishing regulations such as are authorized in the Shipstead-Luce Act for the District of Columbia. This suggestion was made at the above-noted meeting and seemed to meet with general approval.

The Commission of Fine Arts will be glad to confer with you further on this matter if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable David L. Krupsaw
Chairman, Arlington County Board
Court House
Arlington 1, Virginia

EXHIBIT H

REPORT ON PROPOSED BUILDINGS

IN THE ARLINGTON AREA

May 25, 1959

It is proposed to develop an area in Arlington immediately south of the Army-Navy Drive to be known as Pentagon City. The development would include apartment houses, a shopping center, stores, a motor hotel, industrial buildings and office buildings.

A group of office buildings has been planned to be built in the southeast corner of the proposed development directly on the Army-Navy Drive. These three buildings are designed to be twelve stories or 120'-0" high with a total parking space for 3402 cars underground. They would cover 17.7% of the site and would have an FAR of 2.1.

The present zoning ordinance for Arlington County permits a maximum height of only 75'-0" for office buildings. This is the equivalent of not more than seven stories. The ordinance would therefore have to be modified in order to allow buildings of the height proposed.

There has been considerable difference of opinion as to whether this should be allowed and the Commission of Fine Arts has been asked to render an opinion as to how this matter might be settled.

This is an important question, not only in regard to the particular group of buildings involved, but because a change in the existing ordinance would probably form a precedent in the future development of the entire area. It is of special concern to the Commission of Fine Arts because Arlington directly faces the Shipstead Area in the District of Columbia and because it forms an important part of the setting for the Nation's Capital.

In view of this, it would seem appropriate to suggest that all future buildings in the portion of Arlington that faces Washington shall be limited by the same controls as those buildings in the District of Columbia that face the Shipstead Area.

The zoning districts in the District of Columbia that face the Shipstead Area and which might apply to Arlington are limited to the following maximum heights:

- a. Residential (apartments) - 90'-0"
 - b. Special Purpose (offices and apartments) - 90'-0"
 - c. Major Business (There is nothing corresponding to the
Central Business district in Arlington.) - 90'-0"
- (These heights are taken to the top of the roof and allow only stair and elevator penthouses above the roof.)

However, any of the buildings in the District of Columbia which face the Shipstead Area may be further restricted as to height, appearance, color and texture by recommendation of the Commission of Fine Arts.

It is our recommendation that:-

- a. All future buildings in Arlington County that face, or can be seen from, the Shipstead Area shall be limited to the same maximum heights as are buildings of corresponding types in the District of Columbia, and
- b. that any future building in this area of Arlington County may be further restricted as to height, appearance, color and texture as may be recommended by a local body with functions similar to those of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The above recommendations would have the following advantages;

- 1. They would tend to protect the view of Washington now enjoyed from Arlington.
- 2. They would preserve to some extent the appearance of Arlington Area, as seen from Washington.

3. They would unify the treatment and appearance of buildings on both sides of the Potomac River.

Deficit in Fiscal Year 1959 appropriations necessitated postponement of meetings regularly scheduled for May and June 1959.

A special meeting was held in New York on May 26, 1959 to consider urgent matters.

